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IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite the following claims, as filed before the IPEA/AU on November 13, 2000, during Chapter II of the P.C.T. international phase, to now read as follows:

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4. (Amended) The floor framing system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said elongate structural web members resemble an inverted top-hat section with two said flange elements and two said web elements with a third web element perpendicular to, and adjoining, the two said web elements.

5. (Amended) The floor framing system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said elongate structural web members resemble a box section with a slit in one side with two said flange elements being separated by the slit, two said web elements with a third web element perpendicular to, and adjoining, the two said web elements.

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7. (Amended) The floor framing system as claimed in claim 4, wherein the ends of the web elements of the elongate web members are notched such that the flange elements of the web members enclose the web elements of the elongate structural members.

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8. (Amended) The floor framing system as claimed in claim 4, wherein at least one of said elongate structural web members is bent into a vee profile.

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10. (Amended) The floor framing system as claimed in claim 1, wherein longitudinal central axes of the elongate structural members and at least one of said structural web members are substantially aligned.

11. (Amended) The floor framing system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the elongate structural web members are perpendicular to [or diagonal to] said elongate structural members.

12. (Amended) The floor framing system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the elongate structural members are substantially parallel.

13. (Amended) The floor framing system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the elongate structural members are substantially in the same plane and form a triangular framework geometry.

14. (Amended) The floor framing system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the flanges of the elongate structural members are extended and over bent flange stiffening elements.

15. (Amended) The floor framing system as claimed in

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claim 1, wherein the floor system is stiffened by at least one stiffening member oriented substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal axes of the elongate structural members.

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20. (Amended) The floor framing system as claimed in claim 17, wherein the ends of the web elements of the elongate web members are notched such that the flange elements of the web members mate with the web elements of the elongate structural members.

21. (Amended) The floor framing system as claimed in claim 17, wherein at least one of said elongate structural web members is bent into a vee profile.

Please add the following claims:

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--22. The floor framing system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the elongate structural web members are diagonal to said elongate structural members.

23. The floor framing system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the elongate structural members are substantially in the same plane and form a trapezoidal framework geometry.--

REMARKS

Prior to an examination on the merits of the above-identified patent application, please enter the foregoing amendments.